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REMARKS

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This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 15, 2007.

Claim 18 is currently amended in the Application.

Claim 17 is cancelled.

Claim 22 has been added to the Application.

Claims 1-16 and 18-22 are pending in the Application and in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter – Claim Amendments

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time and patience in searching the prior art and determining that Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are allowable.

Applicant amended Claim 18 to correct a clerical error, wherein a dependent claim was mistakenly included at the end of Claim 18. Applicant has deleted the phrase from Claim 18 and included the phrase as new Claim 22. Since Claim 18 is allowable and since Claim 22 depends from Claim 18, Applicant believes Claim 22 is allowable.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added with these amendments.

If any fees are due with the noted amendments, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this filing to Deposit Account Number 11-0400 in the name of Kellogg Brown & Root LLC.

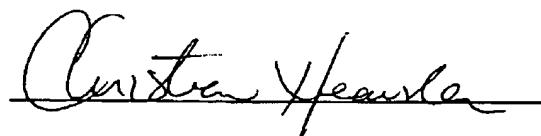
Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

The Office Action rejected Claim 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Manley* US Patent Number 5,791,161. Claim 17 has been cancelled from the Application. Reconsideration of Claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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